

He was selected following a rigorous review process in which a host of cadets are considered when leadership selections are made each year. Soon he will assume duties as Cadet Colonel of the Corps, the 2,100 member organization's top leadership position, also known as Corps Commander, and one of the three top positions on campus, along with that of student body President and Yell Leader.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Alexander for aiming high and continuing to strive above and beyond his primary goals of joining the military. He is a mentor and guiding light to those who know him. I congratulate Marquis on his achievement. He has indeed risen to the top and I hope he keeps on rising. In my office, I have an intern named Ashley Hawkes whose family has also dedicated their lives to the military. Marquis Alexander stands as a role to young people like Ashley. Ashley was honored to work on this statement, and was inspired by his story. That is why I stand here today to spread the word about his tremendous achievement to not only honor Marquis Alexander but to inspire young people like Ashley to realize that they must continue to advance.

#### BRUGETTE THOMPSON

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brugette Thompson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brugette Thompson is a 12th grader at Pomona High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brugette Thompson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brugette Thompson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Today marks the passage of almost 70 years since the unfathomable annihilation of six million Jewish men, women, and children from Europe. In addition to working to systematically eliminate the Jewish people, the Nazis also targeted other marginalized groups such as political opponents, the LGBT community, the Roma, Soviet prisoners of war, the disabled, and other religious minorities.

The effort to remove, wholly and completely, from society certain categories of human

beings because of their ethnic, political, religious, cultural, and biological characteristics was atrocious. While we honor the memory of the millions lost during the Holocaust and the millions more who were never born because of this unparalleled crime against humanity, we must learn from the past in order to ensure that the worst actions in history are never again repeated.

On this Holocaust Remembrance Day, it is important not only to commemorate those who perished, but also those who refused to be bystanders to this grave human tragedy. We may take heart from the brave efforts of those who resisted the Nazi reign of terror, in the ghettos and the camps, from the cities to the countryside. We stand in awe of the rescuers who, against all odds and at great personal risk, demonstrated moral courage the world must honor, remember, and uphold as a model for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

As individuals, communities, and as a nation, we must rededicate ourselves to ensuring that the world will never stand idly by in the face of mass atrocity. We must work to extinguish the sparks of hatred, intolerance, and violence wherever they may be found, while nurturing in ourselves and others the seeds of empathy and a resistance to the indifference that enabled the unthinkable destruction of human life 70 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, may we let this be our monument to the millions who perished in the Holocaust.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY DOUTT

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Doult and to acknowledge her receipt of the 2012 Grindstone Award by the Berea Chamber of Commerce. Nancy has dedicated her life to her community through volunteerism.

A lifelong resident of Berea, Nancy was an active member of 4-H and graduated from Berea High School in 1976. Today, Nancy is married to Steve. She works at Medical Mutual and is a member of the New Century Beatniks.

As a young child, her parents ingrained a sense of selflessness in Nancy that has translated into a lifelong commitment to her community. She is an active member of the American Legion Post 91 Auxiliary and Auxiliary Color Guard. She is involved with St. Mary's Church, where she is a member of the choir and a Eucharistic Minister. Additionally, Nancy spends countless hours as a volunteer with Berea Arts Fest, Southwest General Health Center's Community Outreach Program and the Berea Children's Home. She is fundamental in the work done by Coats for Kids, Dress for Success, Pajama Walk and the Hand-to-Hand leaf raking projects. Nancy also personally participates in Relay for Life, Pedal to the Point, numerous walk-a-thons and has donated more than 18 gallons of blood to the Red Cross.

Because of her relentless work on behalf of her community, the City of Berea honored Nancy with the 2012 Spirit of Community Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Nancy Doult as she is honored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce.

#### HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who traveled to Washington, DC on April 25, 2012 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II veterans the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC. This memorial was built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 25 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

John Abraham, Jr.; Fred Alperin; Arthur L. Barron; Elizabeth H. Bartolich; Philip Bartolotta; John N. Basic; Robert R. Beazley; Jerry S. Benesh; Francis J. Bialas; Victor N. Bonneau; Robert D. Brakley; Stanley A. Branauskas; LeRoy Matthias Braun; Leo B. Braun, Jr.; Francis Brogan; Laverly Williams Brown; Roy V. Carlson; Gabriel A. Casalino; Josephine E. Chandler.

Melvin Chesler; Melvin A. Conviser; Ned L. Crandall; Wanda Ann Cukla; Anthony A. Czarnowski; Harry Dandelles; Carl William Davis; Jerome Dribin; George Druktenis, Sr.; Melvin A. Ehlers; Forrest J. Fischer; William Fisher; Edward Fox; Harvey Fritz; Paul A. Genova; Charles C. Giovannini; Donald L. Glasgow; Joseph Goldenberg; Edward J. Gorcowski; Harvey Gossell.

Nikles K. Hagopian; LeRoy J. Hankins; Howard Roy Heckmann; Arthur P. Heminger; Joseph Hoidik; Donald Hoskinson; John S. Houston; Colin S. Howat; Charles G. Hunt; David Johnson; Thomas Jundanian; Irving K. Kannett; Lloyd L. Keiber; Joseph A. Marthaler; John H. McCollom; Donald T. McCollom; Kenneth Joseph McDonough; Thomas P. McKale; Mavis L. McNamara; Robert E. Morin; Irene L. Mostek; Clarence O. Norman; Stanley T. Oboy; Robert T. Olson; Joseph Leo O'Mara, Sr.; Elijah Ostrander, Jr.; Joseph J. Paladino; Robert Pankau; Donald B. Patterson; James D. Patton; Emanuel T. Petrakis; Veronica S. Potter; William J. Prindiville; Ernest M. Reynolds; Ernest E. Rittenhouse; Walter C. Russell; Walter Jerome Sawkiw.

John F. Schmaling; William F. Schmidt; Melvin Schneider; Milton Schwartz; Harry Silver; Richard J. Small; Delmar J. Smith; Jarmila V.